

In Unity There Is Real Strength

A spirit of cooperation and working together has been and still is needed in Farmington if we are ever going to reach our full potential as a strong and independent community with its own individual identity.

Over the years a splintering away into groups and by areas has been taking place in the community in all types of activities and it has hurt us badly in remaining a unified community.

Farmington now has, we would estimate, as many as 40 or 50 different clubs and organizations all going their own merry way on their own little programs and projects. There is perhaps nothing wrong with a community as large and growing as fast as ours in having this many different groups but it is wrong when they can never get together to show a unity of purpose on anything which is for the common good of the whole community.

In commerce we are also splintered, badly with four or five centers of commercial activity all going it alone in the big effort of trying to keep at least a fair share of the local buyers' dollars spent locally. For too much money is being spent outside the community because of the fact that none of these commercial centers by themselves have enough strength of time to put forth a concerted effort and program to change this trend.

Our various local governmental bodies in recent years have shown considerable improvement in trying to work together on matters of common interest to the whole community but still feel that the spirit of cooperation even here has not gone far enough yet.

One area where closer cooperation and a combined effort might be highly beneficial is in planning and working to get the right kind of development in areas yet to be developed or improved upon in both the city and township. At the present time the city and township both have their own separate economic development committees functioning. The combining of these two groups in at least some areas of study and planning would eliminate a lot of duplication of effort and perhaps even prevent confusion in the minds of outsiders concerning the possibility of locating a business or industrial firm here or doing some additional residential developing locally.

A time worn but still very true and forceful statement that we've all heard is—"In unity there is strength." There are apparently still a lot of Farmington business and residential property owners who have not fully grasped the truth and importance of this power packed five word adage.

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Facts That Deserve Serious Concern

Juvenile delinquency and the juvenile crime rate in Farmington is continuing to mount. Reports from the city and township police departments for 1962 substantiate this.

In fact, the biggest single increase in city police activities for 1962 over 1961 was in the area of complaints against juveniles which were investigated. The 1962 report revealed that they had investigated 293 juvenile complaints. Malicious destruction of property cases in which juveniles are often involved were also up substantially in the city.

The number of juvenile complaints investigated by the township police were also up. Steady increases in this area of complaints in the township have been reported during the past few years. There were a total of 310 cases of malicious destruction of property and vandalism investigated in 1962 and it is reasonable to assume that most involved younger boys and girls. Also handled were 55 stolen bike cases.

Based on our present population, these may not be considered alarming

figures but the fact that the number of incidents involving juveniles is continuing to rise should prompt some serious concern.

Many will rationalize and say that these are not local youth but rowdies coming here from outside areas. Some of them are, but many are not.

Other than social activities conducted through the schools, we are doing little to provide the youth of our community with things to do and places to go in their leisure hours. Even the summer baseball programs do not include scheduled games for the older teenage years. For girls there is absolutely nothing being offered other than school connected social activities they can take part in during their leisure hours.

Authorities have proven time and time again that when youth are given enough to do to fully occupy their leisure time the juvenile crime rate decreases greatly.

Shouldn't we be doing more for our youth than what we presently are?

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Don't Be Too Busy—It's Really Important

What are your plans for this coming Monday, Feb. 18? If you are a resident of the township, there is one thing that you should definitely have on your calendar of things to do and that is to get to the polls sometime during the day or early evening.

Some very important decisions are going to have to be made in the township in the next two years and they are decisions that will have a substantial effect on each and every township resident. The men and women we have running our township government will have to make these decisions and it is important that we have the best we can get.

This is only a primary election when party candidates for the various offices are nominated, it is true. But, if the voting pattern in elections of the recent

past is followed it is very likely that the Republican candidates nominated Feb. 18 will be the ones elected to the various offices on April 1.

We have repeatedly urged that electors deviate from party lines when selecting local candidates and vote for the man himself whom they feel will do the best job. In the past, at least, however, voters have not generally followed this advice.

On the basis of past election records we therefore feel that it is going to be very important to all township citizens that the best men are selected in the primary election on Monday.

You make the decisions on the men and women whom you feel can do the best job. We are not endorsing any candidates. But, do go to the polls and vote.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 12, 1948

The Weather
About the biggest news in Farmington this week is the weather, and as usual, "Every one talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." It might be true for some folks, but in Farmington this week it can be said that, whether you like it or whether you don't, you truck and are making a real haul these days.

In the Lead
In the standings of the Farmington Civic League at Farmington Lakes, the top bowling team this week is the Farmington Lakes Five in the Ten Key Clubhouse League. The team, which includes the team, with Corroy's Market, breathing hot down their necks.

School Election
The Farmington Township School District Board of Education this week announced they have set the second Monday in June as the date for the special school election.

10 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 12, 1938

Primary Election
A modest to light turnout is being forecast by Farmington Township officials heading into the final days prior to the Bi-centennial Spring Primary Election which will be staged for Township voters for the purpose of nominating various candidates for local offices.

Planning Group
An organization meeting is expected to be held in the next week or so by the newly appointed members of the City's first Planning Commission.

Chase Ends Here
A bullet ridden car was finally halted at a police road block set up at the west end of the Farmington Grand River Cut-off this week. Youthful Grand River Grand Rapids and were first pursued by Detroit Police after they were detected speeding west on Grand River near Lehigh. They are being questioned in connection with several burglaries, charged accordingly.

5 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 13, 1953

League of Subs
The Farmington Township League of Subdivision Associations will present to the Township Board this week a report containing the various proposals which have been considered by their organization over the past several months concerning industrial zoning and other issues raised.

Open CC Classes
Two Township civil defense classes were opened here this week. One was offered for auxiliary policemen and the other will instruct first aid procedures and techniques.

Must Pay for Gym
The waiting charges for the use of the Farmington Senior High School Gym for physical fitness classes by our Ladies' Gym were recently by the Farmington School District Board of Education this week on the grounds such action would be discriminatory on the basis of sex. The charges presently using the facilities in question were charged accordingly.

Porter Bourne To Interview Space Expert

LI Colonel John A. "Shorty" Powers, whose cabin has become familiar to millions of Americans as the ground control coordinator of our space shots from Cape Canaveral, will be heard this week on WXYZ Radio's "Space Age '63" program.

WXYZ Radio newsmen Porter Bourne, and the interviewed Colonel Powers who was in Detroit to speak at the Boy Scout Council Scout-leaders Annual "Pollock" Dinner.

"THE NATION NEEDS" to put forth greater effort to raise the scientific literacy of both the lay and the expert so that they can understand what the country is attempting in space," Powers said. Bourne, Powers praised the program's sponsor, Reynolds Metals, for contributing to the average citizen's scientific knowledge with the "Space Age '63" series.

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STUDY MOTIVATION

A study of the academic motivation of high school students conducted by a Michigan State University professor showed that, among other factors, low-motivated students tended to have a poor opinion of themselves. Motivation rose with self-esteem.

The professor directing the study was Dr. William Farquhar.

A wet spot often remains in slight permanent depression in the road overpasses after the rest of the road appears entirely dry. Be wary, drive moderately, and don't let the driver stop. Don't let an unexpected slip throw you into a tailspin.

Springland News Briefs

FRANCES EVERT GR. 4-0278 CAROL SMITH GR. 4-8185

P T A meeting at Beechview School will be held next Monday night, February 18. This special program will begin at 7 p.m. with a pot luck dinner commemorating Founders Day.

The birthday party of Donna Campbell of Springview celebrated her fourth birthday recently. Attending the party were brother Jeff, Michael, Ashley and Linda. Sherman. Absent expected guests were Brad, Laurie and Scott Smith who were expecting a bout with the measles, which never developed.

Celebrating sixth birthdays recently were: Laurie Martin, Kim McEachin and Carrie Rapp. They all took cupcakes to school to share with their fellow kindergartners.

The pool construction is scheduled to start April 15 and opening is scheduled for July 4. The pool will be located on a rolling, seven-acre sight north of the Beechview Elementary School.

The new pool will be a standard junior olympic size with diving "L" at one end, the entire pool surrounded by a concrete deck. A separate "kiddie" pool will be adjacent to the main pool.

MEMBERSHIP WILL be limited to 300 families. All families who have returned the questionnaire will be contacted; the present residents are obtaining further information and membership applications, may call Dick Mitchell, GR. 4-2653, or Gay Wright, 476-4843.

Several of the boys belonging to Troop 109, a recent weekend at Lapeer attending Boy Scout Camp. By the reports from the fathers accompanying the boys, all left warm and had wonderful time. It was a fun weekend, with tobogganing for all. Boys and girls attending the camp were Robert Tuttle and son Robert, Mr. Richard Mitchell and son Rusty, Mr. Wayne Tuttle and son Rusty, Mr. Robert Tuttle and son Rusty.

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MICHIGAN'S PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION

To Keep State's Public Funds Under Past Broad Protection

EDMUND NORMAN, in a series of articles prepared by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, a national non-partisan organization whose purpose is to educate citizens on government, has expressed his interest in the stock of any person, association, or corporation.

The present broad state tax powers and protections of public funds are continued with little change in the new constitution.

This includes the statement that the power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended, or contracted away; that no evidence of state indebtedness shall be issued except in accordance with the constitution; and that the credit of the state shall not be granted to any person.

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Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to The Editor for publication must be signed. Names should be expressed in this column as those of the writers. We do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 100 words.

Keep It Open

To the Editor: Please Mr. Guinan don't insult the intelligence of the people of this area with any more secret meetings or underhand deals.

Most of us have come to accept the fact that segregation is a thing of the past. "Be it as it may" I object to the way you are pushing this thing through.

Let's speak frankly Mr. Guinan, and call a spade a spade. If negro family wants to live in Farmington he can. All he has to do is find a house and move in. He doesn't need either of us. He has the backing of the United States Government.

I suggest we let nature take its course in this matter. Sure there will be problems at first, but they can be solved.

"In the dark" is the way the Communists move. I want no part of this way of life.

Remember Mr. Guinan, Farmington is in Michigan not Mississippi.

Sincerely
Name withheld for obvious reason.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH NESTRA and family are again residents of Springland, having lived elsewhere for more than a year. Welcome back.

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Bond Students Hear Lecture By Naturalist

Richard A. Morelmore, naturalist for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, will be the guest speaker at Bond Elementary School in Farmington today, February 14.

Students will hear a lecture entitled "Michigan Rocks and Soils." The opportunity was requested by Richard W. Goodwin, principal at the school.

The Authority is a five-county park and roadway agency serving Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. One of its key attractions is the Nature Center at Farmington Metropolitan Park near Belleville.

These talks will be given as a public service by the Bar Association, and of course, at no charge to those organizations who are interested. The talks would cover various subjects, some of which are outlined below:

"Planning To Buy, Sell, or Give Away Property"; "You and Your Taxes"; "Your Freedom Under Law"; "Duty of Citizen To Serve As Juror and Witness"; "What Happens To Your Property When You Die"; "The Functions Of A Lawyer—How He Works, How He Negotiates, and How His Fees Are Fixed"; "Origin and Evolution Of The Jury System"; "Negligence—Liability"; and "Domestic Relations".

It is requested those organizations desiring attorneys to speak on the above or related topics should contact the Assistant Secretary of the Bar Association, Mrs. Norma Sherman, at 333-7900 at least two weeks in advance of the desired talk.

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EXPERIENCE. For the past eight years he has practiced law in Oakland and Wayne counties, his office being located in Westbrooke Centre in Farmington Township. Judge Nelson has added his judicial duties to this practice since taking office on July 4, 1959. Earlier in his life Judge Nelson was an Eagle Scout, an Ass't Scoutmaster, a naval officer who landed in Normandy on D-Day and was employed as a Certified Public Accountant in Detroit.

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